

ABOUTUS

Established in 1954, The Arc of Ventura County is a private, nonprofit organization that provides an array of opportunities to improve the quality of life for individuals with developmental disabilities. The Arc of Ventura County is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors, which includes parents of children with developmental disabilities, as well as active community business leaders.

The Arc of Ventura County serves hundreds of people in a variety of programs, and is committed to supporting its participants toward a life of opportunity, well-being, freedom, inclusion, and contribution. Informed decisions, positive changes, as well as integration and participation in the community are fundamental principles in all programs.

Individuals meeting eligibility criteria of the Regional Centers, as well as The Arc of Ventura County's program entrance criteria, are eligible for services. The Arc of Ventura County is a service provider to recipients of the Regional Centers and the California Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, and receives referrals and fees for services provided.

A limited number of scholarships are available to those in need of services who do not meet state or federal funding requirements. Proceeds from our community fundraising efforts support scholarships and other provided services that are not funded.

As evidence of our commitment to programming excellence, The Arc of Ventura County has been accredited by CARF (Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities) since 1979.

MISSIONSTATEMENT

The Arc of Ventura County is committed to securing for all people with developmental disabilities and related conditions, the opportunity to choose and realize their goals of where and how they learn, live, work, and play. The Arc of Ventura County is further committed to reducing the incidences and limiting the consequences of developmental disabilities through education, research, advocacy, and the support of families, friends, and the community. Through the successful pursuit of quality and justice, The Arc of Ventura County will provide leadership in the field of developmental disabilities and develop the necessary resources to attain its goals.



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PROGRAMLOCATIONS

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Newbury Park	Simi Valley
Ojai	Ventura
Oxnard	

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Supporting people with developmental disabilities toward a life of opportunity, choice, participation and contribution.



OUR SERVICES

All services offered by The Arc of Ventura County provide individuals with the opportunity to:

- Develop self-advocacy skills.
- Be more involved and included in their community.
- Learn new skills and establish goals to become more independent.

Community Connection Services - Provides participants with the unique opportunity to design services for their individual needs. This service was developed to support people who are interested in self employment, and who may need supports that the traditional models of services cannot meet.

Integrated Work – An employment option through The Arc of Ventura County's Community Integration Services. In most situations, individuals will work with two to three co-workers, and have the support of a job coach. Some job opportunities are available at our various program locations, as well as in the community.

Supported Employment – Working in an individual or group employment setting, Supported Employment provides instruction and support to help individuals be successful in their employment. The Arc of Ventura County will also assist participants to develop a plan that increases their independence at work, and will provide feedback on their progress.



COMMUNITY INTEGRATION SERVICES

Community Integration Services offer a wide variety of social, recreational, vocational and daily living skills. Participation in community activities, including volunteering and paid work, as well as accessing public resources, are an integral component of this service.

COMMUNITY LIVING SERVICES

The Arc of Ventura County offers several residential alternatives that provide training and support for a growing number of individuals who want to be self-reliant:

Training for Independent Living (TIL) is a transitional living program that emphasizes independent living skills and effective decision making. The training instruction focuses on daily living skills; including meal preparation, money management, personal care, shopping, housekeeping, safety, transportation, interpersonal relationships, recreation and decision making.

Supported Services for Independent Living (SSIL) Supports the needs of individuals who desire to live independently or who have successfully completed the Training for Independent Living Program. Services include training at the individual's home and in the community. Instruction includes self advocacy, self esteem, assertiveness and decision making to successfully maintain independence.



COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

The Arc of Ventura County's Community Employment Services offer individuals the opportunity to explore their vocational interests and employment strengths in various work settings, develop vocational goals, and receive job development and placement assistance.

The Arc of Ventura County's job development and placement services support and assist participants in clarifying their vocational interests and obtaining employment. Employment opportunities are created based on the individual's job interests and the local job market. Job coaches facilitate the process by which the employee is integrated into the competitive workplace by providing training and support based on the needs of the employee and the employer.



AFTERSCHOOL SERVICES

The Arc of Ventura County's After School Programs serve children and adolescents with developmental disabilities between the ages of 12-22. The program emphasizes social and recreational activities, practical life skills, teamwork, and participation in inclusive community programs.